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To: Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Education Secondary/Post-Secondary
Instructors, Administrators and Students Preparing to Become Teacher of Agriculture

From: Nancy J. Trivette, State Program Leader, Agricultural Education and L. John Neyhart,
President of NJ Association of Agricultural Educators

Re: Agricultural Education Professional Development Conference
"Teacher Recruitment and Retention in the 21st Century"

The New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Office of Agricultural Education, in partnership with New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators, will conduct the professional development conference for secondary/postsecondary agriculture instructors and related administrators, counselors, and college faculty on Friday, September 27th at the *Rutgers EcoComplex, 1200 Florence-Columbus Road, Columbus, NJ*. As an added feature this year we will also offer a *student track* (separate agenda with potential for afternoon overlap with teacher agenda) for high school students planning to become teachers of agriculture.

The conference, worth 5 "professional development hours," is designed to provide information about teacher recruitment and retention, developing student growth objectives for the teacher evaluation process, getting the most from your professional organizations and learning about new directions for NJ FFA. *As a part of this themed conference we are asking you to provide some additional information on the conference registration form such as college/university graduated from; year you started teaching; and total years of service to the agricultural education profession.* PLEASE NOTE: All registrations (and payments) will be sent to our office; however registration checks/payments will be ***made out to: NJAAE.***

Professional development certificates will be presented at the end of the conference for those attending the entire event. Directions – http://ecocomplex.rutgers.edu/about_us_directions.php

If you have any questions, please call me at 1.877.Ag Ed FFA.

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Use the attached Excel form to register and email to: ag.ed.registration@ag.state.nj.us

Registration Deadline: September 20, 2013

Conference Date: September 27, 2013

Registration/Continental Breakfast: 8:30 am – 9:00 am

Conference Schedule: 8:30 am – 3:15 pm

NJAAE Executive Board Meeting 3:30 – 5:00 pm

Location: EcoComplex, 1200 Florence – Columbus Rd, Columbus, NJ

Fee structure/options:	NJAAE+NAAE membership + Conference registration:	\$145
	(Includes all benefits of being a member of state and national ag teachers' organizations and conference registration)	
	Lifetime NAAE Members	\$85
	(Conference registration + NJAAE dues	
	Conference Registration (non-members)	\$55
	Conference Registration	\$30
	(for NJAAE paid members prior to August 31, 2013)	
	Conference Registration for Students	\$30
	ACTE membership (state/nat'l)	\$100
	NAAE membership:	\$60
	FFA Alumni Dues (annual/life)	\$20/\$150

NJAAE/NAAE/ACTE/National FFA Alumni membership can be accessed online at: <http://www.njaea.org/Membership.html> Scroll down the left side of the page and click 'Join Now'; or ctrl click here... **Join Now** for the online forms and to pay your memberships with a credit card.